

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-24

Bill No. 73-28 (As Amended)

Introduced by Mr. O'Neill at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT to repeal Section 228 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, Maryland, (1965 Edition and amendments), heading "Economic Development Commission" and to enact new Section 228 in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the section repealed, to reconstitute the Economic Development Commission, to provide for appointments by the County Executive and confirmation by the County Council and generally relating to the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Economic Development Commission of Harford County.

By the Council August 14, 1973

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on
September 13, 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the
Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, Christopher B. Johnston, Secretary

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,
2 Maryland, that Section 228 of the Code of Public Local Laws of
3 Harford County, (1965 Edition and amendments), heading "Economic
4 Development Commission" be, and it is hereby, repealed and new
5 Section 228 be, and it is hereby, added to the said Code in lieu
6 thereof to stand in the place of the section repealed, to read
7 as follows:

8 228. Economic Development Commission.

9 (a) Created; purposes. The Economic Development
10 Commission of Harford County is created for the purpose of
11 advancing the general welfare of the people through programs and
12 activities to develop Harford County's natural resources and
13 economic opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture,
14 forestry, transportation, travel, tourism and recreation, and
15 to cooperate and offer assistance to existing industries and
16 businesses, and to promote and encourage the establishing and
17 locating of new industries and businesses in Harford County
18 and other matters intended to foster and develop gainful
19 employment and the pursuit of happiness of all who are now or
20 may hereafter be residents of Harford County.

21 (b) Members. The Commission shall consist of not
22 fewer than nine (9) or more than fifteen (15) members, who shall
23 be appointed by the County Executive AND CONFIRMED BY THE COUNTY
24 COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF HARFORD COUNTY. The
25 members shall represent a cross section of the economic composition
26 of Harford County and shall be selected because of their known
27 experience and interest in the development of Harford County.
28 Those organizations representing the same categoric interest shall
29 jointly send to the County Executive a list of not less than two

1 Commission shall serve for two years from the effective date of
2 their appointment and are eligible for reappointment. They shall
3 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary
4 travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their
5 duties. The Commission shall select from its own membership
6 a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer to serve
7 a term of one year and to be eligible for re-election, provided
8 that no one person shall hold the position of chairman for more
9 than three consecutive terms. Upon the death, disability,
10 resignation, or removal of any member of the Commission, the
11 County Executive shall appoint a person representing the same
12 categorical interest to serve for the unexpired term. The
13 Commission has the power to establish and appoint advisory
14 groups and committees to assist in its program of activity of
15 which membership is not restricted solely to members of the
16 Commission. All appointments made by the County Executive under
17 subsection (b) and (c) of this Ordinance are subject to confir-
18 mation by the County Council, in accordance with the Charter.

19 (d) Meetings; budget; employees. The Commission
20 shall meet monthly and shall hold special meetings at the call
21 of the chairman or of any three members of the Commission. The
22 Commission shall adopt rules and regulations as it may deem
23 necessary to govern its procedure and business. Five members shall
24 constitute a quorum. The Commission shall submit to the County
25 Executive an annual operating budget for the fiscal year for the
26 approval of the County Executive and the County Council shall
27 provide funds as they may approve. The Commission is empowered
28 to employ such employees as its business may require within the
29 limits of its appropriation, provided that any newly created

1 the County Council's approval, with the actual appointment of a
2 person or persons to be within the powers of the Economic
3 Development Commission. PERSONNEL REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION
4 SHALL BE HIRED BY THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT OF HARFORD COUNTY.

5 (e) Reports. Annual reports shall be made and filed
6 with the County Executive and made available to the public. The
7 annual report shall include subjects and recommendations for
8 the improvement and advancement of the economic welfare of the
9 people of Harford County.

10 (f) Powers. The Commission may:

11 (1) Investigate and assemble information perti-
12 nent to the economic resources and industrial opportunities of
13 the County.

14 (2) Encourage location of new industrial enter-
15 prises in the County and the expansions of present enterprises.

16 (3) Encourage development of recreational areas
17 and encourage tourist business in the County, making the public
18 aware of the County's historical background and progress.

19 (4) Disseminate information in the interest of
20 industrial development by publication, advertising and other
21 means.

22 (5) Cooperate with any Federal, State, local
23 agency, board or commission including the Economic Development
24 Commission of Maryland, in the furtherance of its purposes.

25 (6) Cooperate with any interested private
26 concern, civic organization or subdivision thereof in furtherance
27 of its purposes.

28 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that this law shall take
29 effect sixty (60) days from the date it becomes law.

